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LUD 5539 JEL/MAS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Kohei MIYAZONO et al.
Serial Number : 09/039,177
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For : ISOLATED ALK-1 PROTEIN, NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING IT, AND USES THEREOF
Art Unit : 1646
Examiner : D. FITZGERALD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated June 15, 1999 wherein the Examiner subjected the application to a restriction requirement and divided the claims into five groups. Applicants file concurrently herewith a petition and fee for a ONE-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group IV, i.e. 21-26 and 28 relating to methods employing agents which promote Smad-1 phosphorylation. Applicants make the election without traverse and expressly reserving the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claims in subsequent applications.

The examiner states that with the election of Group III or Group IV the applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect the species for prosecution. Applicants hereby elect the

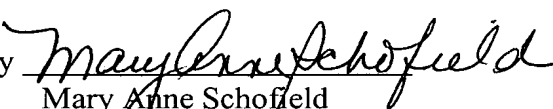
species recited in Claim 22 "wherein said molecule binds to the extracellular domain of ALK-1.

Claims 21 through 24, 26 and 28 read on this species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees associated with the filing of these papers from deposit account 500624.

Respectfully submitted,

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